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SUBJECT: LATIN AMERICAN GROUP: PROPOSAL TO HEAR PUERTO RICAN
INDEPENDENCE PARTY REPRESENTATIVE

1. ON OCTOBER 24, CHILEAN MISSION OFFICER HOLGER CALLED
US MISSION OFFICER TO INFORM HIM OF DEVELOPMENTS RELATING
TO PUERTO RICO AT THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE
LATIN AMERICAN GROUP WHICH HAD JUST ENDED. ARGENTINE PERREP
ORTIZ DE ROSAS, CHAIRMAN OF THE LATIN AMERICAN GROUP THIS
MONTH, ANNOUNCED THAT A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PUERTO RICAN
INDEPENDENCE PARTY (PIP) HAD ASKED THE GROUP FOR PERMISSION
TO ADDRESS IT, AND ORTIZ DE ROSAS TABLED A MOTION (AT THE
INITIATIVE OF CUBA, HOLGER BELIEVES) TO APPROVE THE REQUEST.
THE PIP REPRESENTATIVE WISHED TO EXPRESS THE VIEWS OF HIS PARTY
ON PUERTO RICO AND THE PUERTO RICAN INDEPENDENCE ISSUE.

2. HOLGER SAID THAT THE BRAZILIAN REPRESENTATIVE STATED
THAT SOME DELEGATIONS MAY HAVE RESERVATIONS ABOUT THE
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PROPOSAL AND SUGGESTED THAT NO DECISION BE TAKEN

BEFORE CONSULTATIONS. HOLGER SAID THAT CHILE WILL OPPOSE THE MOTION AS WILL SOME OTHER LATIN AMERICAN DELEGATIONS. HOLGER THINKS THE MOTION WILL BE APPROVED BUT THAT THE GROUP WILL MEET "INFORMALLY" TO HEAR THE PIP REPRESENTATIVE. HOLGER HAS NO INFORMATION AT THE MOMENT ABOUT WHEN THE LATIN AMERICAN GROUP WILL MAKE A DECISION ON THE PROPOSAL.

3. HOLGER SAID THAT THE PROPOSAL WAS MADE IMMEDIATELY AFTER AN "INCREDIBLY MILITANT" STATEMENT BY THE "MINISTER OF FINANCE OF ANGOLA" (MEMBER OF MPLA) WHO LAMBASTED THE US FOR ITS ACTIONS IN GUATEMALA IN 1956 AND THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC IN 1976. HE ALSO ATTACKED THE PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT AND SAID THAT IF IT WERE NECESSARY TO FIGHT AGAINST PORTUGAL, THEY WOULD. BENNETT

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